

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper, together with all enclosures identified herein, are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington D.C. 20231, on the date indicated below.

November 2, 2001
Date

Melanie S. Jernberg
Melanie S. Jernberg

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 3724
Applicant : Perry R. DeYoung
Appln. No. : 09/586,943
Filing Date : June 2, 2000
Confirmation No. : 6561
For : AUTOMATIC COVER LATCH AND PRESSURE
RELIEF SYSTEM FOR A DOUGH DIVIDER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001 in the above-identified application.

Any fee for additional claims has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Col. 1		Col. 2	Col. 3	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total Claims	*38	Minus	**34	=4	x \$9	\$36	x \$18	\$
Independent Claims	*2	Minus	***2	=0	x \$42	\$0	x \$84	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims \$140						\$0	x \$280	\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$36		\$

RECEIVED
FEB-4 2002
TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

Applicant : Perry R. DeYoung
Appln. No. : 09/586,943
Page : 2

1. ☒ Small entity status of this application 37 CFR §§1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted or is enclosed.
2. ☐ No additional fee is required.
3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$36.00 is attached.
4. ☒ Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16 2463. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

PRICE, HENEVELD, COOPER,
DEWITT & LITTON

11/02/01
Date

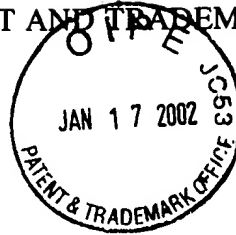
Marcus P. Dolce
Marcus P. Dolce
Registration No. 46 073
695 Kenmoor, S.E.
Post Office Box 2567
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501
(616) 949-9610

MPD/msj

Elimination
2-8-02
5/Electrical
AMOT
1A

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 3724
Applicant : Perry R. DeYoung
Appln. No. : 09/586,943
Filing Date : June 2, 2000
Confirmation No. : 6561
For : AUTOMATIC COVER LATCH AND PRESSURE
RELIEF SYSTEM FOR A DOUGH DIVIDER



Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2001, Applicant responds as follows.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims.

35. (New) The dough divider of claim 3, further including:
a delay device configured to delay the driving of the press plate towards the lid such
that the latch assembly is activated a predetermined amount of time before the press plate is
driven towards the lid.

01/23/2002 SZEWDIE1 00000045 09586943

01 FC:203

36.00 OP

36. (New) The dough divider of claim 3, wherein:
the lid is rotatably connected to the hopper and adapted to compress the dough within
the hopper.

37. (New) The dough divider of claim 19, wherein:
the lid is rotatably connected to the hopper and adapted to compress the dough within
the hopper in the closed position.

38. (New) The dough divider of claim 37, wherein:
a coil spring connected to the lid automatically rotates the lid to the open position when
the latch assembly is deactivated.

RECEIVED
FEB-4 2002
1C 3700 MAIL ROOM

AC